

**THE EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Committee Room C-11  
Tom Davies Square**

**Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2001  
Commencement: 5:30 p.m.**

**DEPUTY MAYOR DOUG CRAIG, IN THE CHAIR**

Present Councillors Bradley; Callaghan; Courtemanche; Davey; Dupuis; Gainer; Kilgour; Lalonde (A5:43 pm); McIntaggart; Portelance

City Officials J. Rule, Chief Administrative Officer; D. Belisle, General Manager of Public Works; R. Browning, General Manager of Emergency Services; C. Hallsworth, General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services; D. Nadorozny, General Manager of Economic Development & Planning; S. Jonasson, Director of Finance/City Treasurer; D. Wuksinic, General Manager of Corporate Services; R. Swiddle, Director of Legal Services/City Solicitor; P. Thomson, Director of Human Resources; D. Braney, Property Negotiator/Appraiser; P. Archambault, Assistant City Solicitor; H. Duff, Director of Social Services; K. Matthies, Human Resources Analyst; T. Mowry, City Clerk; G. Ward, Council Secretary

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest None declared.

"In Camera" 2001-550 Bradley/Dupuis: That we move "In Camera" to deal with those matters which fall within Article 15.5 of the Procedural Rules.

**CARRIED**

Recess At 7:25 p.m., Council recessed.

Reconvene At 7:34 p.m., Council moved to the **Council Chamber** to continue the regular meeting.

Chair **DEPUTY MAYOR DOUG CRAIG, IN THE CHAIR**

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City Officials  
(Continued)

Assistant to the Mayor; B. Gutjahr, Manager of By-law Enforcement; J. Lahti, Legal Secretary; T. Mowry, City Clerk; G. Ward, Council Secretary

Others

D. Reeves, President/CEO; J. Jeza, Executive Vice President, Greater Sudbury Utilities Inc.

P. Marleau, Chair; P. Dow, Greater Sudbury Utilities Inc. Board of Directors

News Media

Sudbury Star; The Box; MCTV; CIGM

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2001-225T

3<sup>RD</sup>

BEING A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO STOP-UP, CLOSE AND SELL THE LANE NORTH OF NICKEL STREET, PLAN M-144, CONISTON

Deputy Mayor Craig called for interested parties who wished to address Council regarding the procedures necessary to stop-up, close and sell the lane north of Nickel Street, Plan M-144, Coniston. No objectors were present and no objections were received by the Clerk. Therefore, the following resolution was presented:

2001-551 Bradley/Kilgour: WHEREAS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISION OF The Municipal Act, this Council held a Public Hearing respecting By -law 2001-225T to authorize the stop-up, close and sale of the lane north of Nickel Street, Plan M-144, Coniston;

AND WHEREAS this Council is still determined to proceed with the passage of said by-law;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 2001-225T, "BEING A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO STOP-UP, CLOSE AND SELL THE LANE NORTH OF NICKEL STREET, PLAN M-144, CONISTON" be read a third time and passed.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS**

Item 3  
Sudbury District Energy Corporation

Letter dated 2001-09-13 from Hugo T. Sorensen, Chair, Sudbury District Energy Corporation regarding update on the status of the SDEC downtown plant and construction progress on the Sudbury Regional Hospital was received for information.

Mr. Ander, Director of the Sudbury District Energy Corporation address Council with an overhead presentation reviewing the background and current activities of the corporation.

Item 4  
Greater Sudbury  
Utilities Inc.

Letter dated 2001-10-12 from Mr. Paul Marleau, Chair, Board of Directors, Greater Sudbury Utilities Inc. regarding progress report on the Utility business and review of financial arrangements existing between the City and the Utility was received for information.

Mr. Marleau addressed Council with an overhead presentation of the financial structure and objectives of the Utility.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE “IN CAMERA” SESSION**

Rise and Report

Deputy Mayor Craig, as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, reported Council met to deal with personnel, property and litigation matters falling within Article 15.5 of the Procedural Rules and certain resolutions emanated therefrom.

Ontario Realty Corporation

2001-552 Dupuis/Bradley: THAT Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer and the General Manager of Corporate Services:

1. To communicate with the Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) that the City of Greater Sudbury is interested in continuing negotiations over the acquisition of 199 Larch Street, the McFarlane Lake Complex and 159 Cedar Street; and
2. To acquire the assistance of KPMG to perform a “Due Diligence” Report on these proposed acquisitions; and
3. To negotiate with the Ontario Realty Corporation for these properties, and to prepare, if necessary, the Draft Agreements associated with same; and
4. To prepare a Financing Plan for the proposed purchase, using external long term debt financing as the Financing Instrument of choice; and
5. To report back to Council with recommendations for final decision.

**CARRIED**

**PART I  
CONSENT AGENDA**

The following resolution was presented to adopt Items C-1 to C-17 inclusive contained in Part I, Consent Agenda:

2001-553 Dupuis/Bradley: That Items C-1 to C-17 inclusive, contained in Part I, Consent Agenda, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **MINUTES**

Item C-1  
Report Nol. 17  
C.C.  
2001-10-11 2001-554 Bradley/Dupuis: That Report No. 17, City Council Minutes of 2001-10-11 be adopted. **CARRIED**

Item C-2  
C.O.W. - Budget  
Public Input Session  
2001-10-16 2001-555 Dupuis/Bradley: That the Report of the Committee of the Whole (Budget Deliberations) - Public Input Session, Minutes of 2001-10-16 be received. **CARRIED**

Item C-3  
Report No. 15  
C.O.W. - Planning  
2001-10-23 2001-556 Bradley/Dupuis: That Report No. 15, Committee of the Whole - Planning, Minutes of 2001-10-23 be adopted. **CARRIED**

Item C-4  
T.O.C.  
2001-10-03 2001-557 Dupuis/Bradley: That the Report of the Tender Opening Committee Minutes of 2001-10-03 be adopted. **CARRIED**

Item C-5  
T.O.C.  
2001-10-09 2001-558 Bradley/Dupuis: That the Report of the Tender Opening Committee Minutes of 2001-10-09 be adopted. **CARRIED**

Item C-6  
T.O.C.  
2001-10-16 2001-559 Dupuis/Bradley: That the Report of the Tender Opening Committee Minutes of 2001-10-16 be adopted. **CARRIED**

Item C-7  
T.O.C.  
2001-10-18 2001-560 Bradley/Dupuis: That the Report of the Tender Opening Committee Minutes of 2001-10-18 be adopted. **CARRIED**

Council concurred with a request by Councillor Callaghan that the Engineer's estimates be included in all future Staff reports.

Item C-8  
Report No. 1  
Property Standards  
Appeals Committee  
2001-10-09 2001-561 Dupuis/Bradley: That Report No. 1, Property Standards Appeals Committee, Minutes of 2001-10-09 be adopted. **CARRIED**

Item C-9  
N.D.C.A.  
2001-10-10 2001-562 Bradley/Dupuis That the Report of the Nickel District Conservation Authority, Minutes of 2001-10-10 be received. **CARRIED**

Item C-10 Report No. 7

**C.C. (18<sup>TH</sup>) 2001-10-25 (4)**

S.M.C.  
2001-07-19

2001-563 Kilgour/Bradley: That Report No. 7, Sudbury Metro Centre, Minutes of 2001-07-19 be received.

**CARRIED**

**TENDERS**

Item C-11  
Contract 2001-55  
Trillium Centre Roof  
Replacement/Repairs

Report dated 2001-10-17 from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Contract 2001-55: Tender for Trillium Centre Roof Replacement and Repairs was received.

The following resolution was presented:

2001-564 Bradley/Dupuis: That Contract 2001-55, Trillium Centre Roof Replacement and Repairs, be awarded to Douro Roofing Sheet Metal Contractors Ltd. in the estimated value of \$516,668.76, being the lowest tender meeting all the requirements of the contract documents.

**CARRIED**

Item C-12  
Rental of Operated  
Snow Plowing Equip.  
2001-2004

Report dated 2001-10-17 from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Tender for the Rental of Operated Snow Plowing Equipment - Loaders, Graders & Four Wheel Drive Truck Plows - 2001-2004 was received.

The following resolution was presented:

2001-565: Dupuis/Bradley: That the tenders for the supply of sixteen (16) Graders be awarded to: Armand Arbour (2 Graders), Tommy Carruthers (1 Grader), Pat Taylor Contracting Ltd. (2 Graders), O.C.L. Trucking & Excavating (2 Graders), Marc Beauparlant Contracting (2 Graders), D. Lafond Contracting Limited (3 Graders), Ethier Sand & Gravel Limited, Pioneer Construction Inc. (3 Graders); that the tenders for the supply of ten (10) Four Wheel Drive Plow Trucks be awarded to: Ron Vaillancourt, Reg Demore Haulage, Jean Beauparlant, Lewis General Contracting, D. Lafond Contracting Limited (2 Trucks), P. Greco, c/o Mobile Whole-Sale, Wolf Lake Construction Inc. (2 Trucks), and McGuire's Tree Guys; and that the tenders for the supply of two (2) Loaders be awarded D. Lafond Contracting Limited (2 Loaders) these being the lowest tenders as determined by the unit prices and quantities involved, meeting all specifications.

**CARRIED**

Item C-13  
Rental of Two  
Operated Tandem  
Trucks

Report dated 2001-10-17 from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Tender for the Rental of Two (2) Operated Tandem Trucks with Plow Wing and spreader was received.

The following resolution was presented:

Item C-13  
(Continued)

2001-566 Bradley/Dupuis: That the Tender for Rental of Two Operated Tandem Trucks with plow and spreader, be awarded as follows:

D. Lafond Contracting                      \$84.45/Hr. For One Unit, and

Pioneer Construction Inc.                \$85.00/Hr. For One Unit;

these being the lowest tenders as determined by the unit prices and quantities involved, meeting all specifications.

**CARRIED**

Item C-14  
Rental of One  
Operated Loader

Report dated 2001-10-17 from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Tender for the Rental of One (1) Operated Loader was received.

The following resolution was presented:

2001-567 Dupuis/Bradley: That the Tender for Rental of One Operated Loader, be awarded to:

D. Lafond Contracting                      \$29.95/Hr.

being the lowest tender as determined by the unit prices and quantities involved, meeting all specifications.

**CARRIED**

Item C-15  
Granular, Crushed  
Material & Winter  
Sand

Report dated 2001-10-17 from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Tender for Granular, Crushed Material and Winter Sand was received.

The following resolution was presented:

2001-568 Bradley/Dupuis: That the tender for the Supply of Granular, Crushed Material and Winter Sand be awarded to the lowest bidders; OCL Trucking & Excavating Ltd., Warren Bitulithic Limited, Bélanger Ready Mix Ltd., and Pioneer Construction Inc. as outlined in the attached report, these being the lowest tenders, as determined by the unit prices and quantities involved, meeting all specifications.

**CARRIED**

Item C-16  
Coarse, Crushed  
Rock Salt

Report dated 2001-10-17 from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Tender for Coarse Crushed Rock Salt was received.

Council agreed with Councillors Callaghan and Kilgour that the policy regarding the use of coarse crushed rock salt be reviewed as part of the 2002 Budget Deliberations.

Item C-16  
(Continued)

The following resolution was presented:

2001-569 Dupuis/Bradley: That the tender for the Supply and Delivery of Coarse, Crushed Rock Salt be awarded to Sifto Canada Inc., in the amount of \$1,853,380.00, this being the lowest tender as determined by the unit prices and quantities involved, meeting all specifications.

**CARRIED**

### **ROUTINE MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

Item C-17  
CRTC Hearing -  
Toll-Free Calling

Report dated 2001-10-19, with attachment, from P. Aitken, Government Relations/Policy Analyst regarding CRTC (Canadian Radio/Television and Telecommunications Commission) Hearing - Toll-Free Calling was received.

The following resolution was presented:

2001-570 Bradley/Kilgour: That staff be directed to file the draft submissions to the CRTC regarding toll-free calling.

**CARRIED**

### **BY-LAWS**

2001-251A            3        BEING A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING OF OCTOBER 25th, 2001

2001-252F            3        BEING A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO LEVY AND COLLECT OMITTED AND SUPPLEMENTARY REALTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2001 AND PRIOR YEARS

Report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated 2001-10-10.

(2001-253 was passed at the October 11, 2001 Council)

2001-254A            3        BEING A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO AMEND BY-LAW 2001-34A TO APPOINT OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

(This By-law adds an additional By-law Enforcement Officer to reflect recent staff appointments and updates the list of Deputy Clerks.)

2001-263Z            3        BEING A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO AMEND BY-LAW 95-500Z, THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW FOR THE FORMER CITY OF SUDBURY

Committee of the Whole - Planning Recommendation 2001-100

**C.C. (18<sup>TH</sup>) 2001-10-25 (7)**

(This By-law rezones the subject lands "R2-18", Special Double Residential in order to legalize an existing basement apartment unit within a 'single detached dwelling'. The Special designation permits one parking space to be located within the required front yard of this residential zone - Robert Johnson, 1246 Southview Drive, Sudbury.)

2001-264A                    3        BEING A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO AUTHORIZE A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY AND ACADEMY OF LEADING EMERGENCY RESPONSE TECHNOLOGIES

Report of the General Manager of Corporate Services dated 2001-10-15.

2001-265F                    3        BEING A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO AUTHORIZE SIGNING AUTHORITIES FOR BANK ACCOUNTS

Report of the General Manager of Corporate Services dated 2001-10-19.

2001-266F                    3        BEING A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO ADOPT OPTIONAL PROPERTY CLASSES

Report from the General Manager of Corporate Services dated 2001-10-19.

2001-267A                    3        BEING A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO APPOINT BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOR THE SUDBURY AIRPORT

(This By-law updates the list of Canadian Corps of Commissionaires enforcement officers at the Sudbury Airport.)

2001-268A                    3        BEING A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO REGULATE THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Report from the General Manager of Emergency Services dated 2001-10-19.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading                    2001-571 Kilgour/Dupuis: That By-laws 2001-251A, 2001-252F and 2001-254, By-law 2001-263Z to and including By-law 2001-268A be read a first and second time.

**CARRIED**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading                                2001-572 Kilgour/Portelance: That By-laws 2001-251A, 2001-252F and 2001-254, By-law 2001-263Z to and including By-law 2001-268A be read a third time and passed.

**CARRIED**

## **CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Item C-18  
Cowan News Report dated 2001-10-15, with attachment, from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Cowan News was received for information

Item C-19  
Transition Board's  
Financial Projections Report dated 2001-10-18 from the General Manager of Corporate Services regarding Transition Board's Financial Projections was received for information.

Councillor Lalonde advised there was a 12.4 million dollar shortfall because of transition costs. Four million dollars was taken out of the capital plan. He suggested this should be made clear on the tax bill insert that was sent out to residents.

The Director of Finance/City Treasurer advised a notation would be included on the next mail out.

Item C-20  
Fireworks By-law Report dated 2001-10-19 from the City Solicitor regarding Fireworks By-law was received for information.

Item C-21  
Draft New Municipal  
Act Report dated 2001-10-19 from the City Solicitor regarding Draft New Municipal Act was received for information.

## **PART II REGULAR AGENDA**

### **MANAGERS' REPORTS**

Item R-1  
Court of Revision -  
Drainage Act Report dated 2001-10-17 from the General Manager of Public Works regarding Court of Revision - Drainage Act was received.

The following resolution was presented:

2001-573 Davey/Kilgour: THAT the following three Members of Council be appointed to sit on the Court of Revision to hear appeals on drainage assessments for the term ending November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2003:

Councillor Bradley  
Councillor Dupuis  
Councillor Kilgour

AND THAT the first Member of Council listed be and is hereby appointed as the Chair of the Court of Revision.

**CARRIED**

Item R-2  
Animal Control  
By-law Report dated 2001-10-19, with attachment, from the General Manager of Economic Development & Planning Services regarding Animal Control By-law was received.

## BY-LAWS

- 2001-250                      3            BEING A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS, LICENCING OF DOGS AND THE REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF CATS
- Council concurred with a request by Councillor Davey that the foregoing by-law be **deferred** for a month to receive comments from the public.

## MOTIONS

### Item R-3 Infrastructure Funding

McIntaggart/Dupuis:    WHEREAS public infrastructure is the backbone of a successful, dynamic economy;

AND WHEREAS Federal and Provincial support is essential for public infrastructure upgrades, replacement and expansion;

AND WHEREAS the current slowing of the economy combined with the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 have created substantial uncertainty in the Canadian economy, particularly in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury welcomes the Ontario Government's renewed commitment towards supporting public infrastructure with its recent announcement of financial assistance for public transit and roads and bridges;

AND WHEREAS the current Federal share of the Infrastructure Canada Program in Ontario is significantly less than that of the Province and municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury calls on the Federal Government to follow the Ontario Government's lead and commit itself to a higher level of funding for public infrastructure;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury calls on both the Federal and Provincial Governments to speed up the existing infrastructure funding process under the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program (COIP) and SuperBuild in order to provide a much needed economic stimulus in the face of the current economic downturn;

AND FURTHER THAT the City of Greater Sudbury supports the call from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Federal and Ontario Governments to return to a straightforward 1/3-1/3-1/3 funding formula for COIP and SuperBuild funded projects.

Councillor McIntaggart advised Councillor Petryna was the author of the foregoing motion and requested it be **deferred** until he was present to speak to it.

Change of Chair

At 9:20 p.m., Deputy Mayor Craig vacated the Chair

Item R-4  
2002 Operating  
Budget Estimates

**HIS WORSHIP MAYOR JAMES GORDON, IN THE CHAIR**

Callaghan/Courtmanche: WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury has serious social and health problems as demonstrated by numerous statistics from a variety of studies such as:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> highest suicide rates in the 1990's
- 6<sup>th</sup> highest infant mortality rates in the 1990's
- ranked 50<sup>th</sup> out of 54 in health care by Maclean's magazine
- only municipality with declining population in 1991 and 1998
- net out migration of youth;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury has the highest unemployment rate in Ontario and the highest youth unemployment rate in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury has the lowest rate of growth in median income between 1993 and 1998;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury has the highest proportion of total income from government transfers in 1998;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury and Northern Ontario did not share in the economic boom in Ontario in the 1990's;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury ranked 7<sup>th</sup> or 25 highest percentage of seniors to the total population;

AND WHEREAS the business community has expressed concerns of rising taxes;

AND WHEREAS the Transition Board's plan for amalgamation called for a reduction of \$3.7 million in 2002, the second year of the plan, which reduction would offset the impacts of inflation and police adequacy standards and thereby permit a slight reduction in the tax rate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury directs the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare the 2002 operating budget estimates to reflect the following guidelines:

1. that the basic level of service budget provide the same level of service as delivered in 2001 adjusted by:
  - i) removing one-time 2001 costs;
  - ii) a \$3.7 million cost reduction to reflect the Transition Board's plan for amalgamation;

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(Continued)

- iii) that user fees be increased to maintain the same ratio to operating costs (by department) and not increase the burden on the property taxpayer; and
  - iv) that the net basic budget increase be zero percent.
2. that optional levels of service be presented with the following guidelines:
- i) that they reflect substantiated and reasonable initiatives proposed by the public;
  - ii) that they reflect the priorities of the community based on the results of citizen attitude surveys carried out during 2001.

The following amendment to the resolution was then presented:

2001-574 Bradley/Kilgour: That the foregoing motion be amended by removing Clauses 1 and 2, with the exception of the following:

“That the net basic budget increase be zero percent.”

And further that the recitals be deleted.

**RECORDED VOTE:**

**YEAS**

Bradley  
Courtemanche  
Craig  
Dupuis  
Gainer  
Kilgour  
Lalonde  
McIntaggart  
Portelance  
Gordon

**NAYS**

Callaghan

**CARRIED**

The original motion, as amended, was then presented:

2001-575 Callaghan/Courtemanche: BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Council of the City of Greater Sudbury directs the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare the 2002 operating budget estimates to reflect the following guideline:

That the net basic budget increase be zero percent.

**CARRIED**

Rules of Procedure

CTV Inc. (Bell  
Globemedia")

Council, by a two-thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure and deal with a matter, not on the Agenda, at this time.

2001-576 Gordon/Bradley: WHEREAS on October 18, 2001 CTV Inc. (a division of the multimedia conglomerate known as "Bell Globemedia") announced the elimination of forty full and part-time equivalent jobs across Northern Ontario, and the elimination of local dinner-hour and late-night newscasts Monday to Friday in Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins and North Bay;

AND WHEREAS previously in April, 1999 six unionized positions in Sudbury were also eliminated by CTV Inc., in a workforce that had been reduced from 120 to 70 positions in the five years between 1995 and 1999;

AND WHEREAS these cuts are driven by financial gain at the expense of local content, in efforts to rationalize;

AND WHEREAS this process of rationalization will result in the loss of local news programming in these communities and will reduce them to the status of relay stations with a reliance on news services tailored to metropolitan viewers;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) in Decision CRTC 90-1974, dated October 22, 1990, approved the acquisition of Mid-Canada Communications by Baton Broadcasting Incorporated, and thereby effectively granted Baton a television monopoly in Northern Ontario; however, President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Douglas Bassett, stated that Baton was in a position "to strengthen local stations, enabling them to attract larger audiences, ... increase the diversity and enhance the quality of the Canadian component of program schedules."

AND WHEREAS Baton made further commitments at that time to the CRTC to institute improved opportunities among the Mid-Canada television stations that would effectively enhance news coverage in northeastern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS CTV Inc. in its 1999 Annual Report made no reference to its 1990 commitments to the CRTC regarding the strengthening of local stations, but rather stated: "*Improving margins remains job one.*"

AND WHEREAS the CRTC in its Public Notice 1999-97, entitled: *BUILDING ON SUCCESS - A POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR CANADIAN TELEVISION*, stated: "At the next licence renewals for conventional, local television stations, **the Commission will not require applicants to make quantitative commitments with respect to local news programs.** However, all licensees will be required to demonstrate, in their applications, how they will meet the demands and reflect the particular concerns of their local audiences, whether through local news or other local programming. As in the

past, should the Commission determine that licensees have failed to respond to legitimate community needs, it will take appropriate action on a case-by-case basis. Such action could include imposing specific conditions of licence."

AND WHEREAS the CRTC in its Decision 2000-747, dated December 7, 2000, permitted the transfer of effective control of CTV Inc. to BCE Inc. without any reference to the issue of the programming needs of local communities and the need to maintain a sense of community in the areas serviced by CTV and further, did not require BCE to acknowledge its prior commitments to local programming in Northern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS by permitting and advancing the creation of multimedia conglomerates such as Bell Globemedia, the Government of Canada, while intending to promote media diversity, has rather inhibited the potential for greater plurality and a diverse expression of opinion in local communities, which underscores the inherent danger that such media monopolies pose in areas of Canada, like Northern Ontario, where the loss of local news, local identity and a platform for local people to participate in the democratic process has been a most direct consequence of this policy;

AND WHEREAS a free and diverse media are an indispensable part of the democratic process providing a multiplicity of voices and views that inform the public, influence opinion, engender political debate and, in so doing contribute to the cultural fabric of a nation and help define the sense of community identity;

AND WHEREAS special media ownership rules are required in order to ensure that one voice does not become too powerful and that safeguards necessary to foster and maintain local diversity and plurality are put in place;

AND WHEREAS the acquisition of regional television broadcasters and increased concentration of media ownership has been achieved at the expense of local news programming and resulted in local viewers being serviced by repackaged, recycled and irrelevant news from distant metropolitan areas;

AND WHEREAS the interests of Northern Ontarians are quite different from those in Southern Ontario and other parts of Canada and broadcasters should recognize and respect this fact;

AND WHEREAS this Council is of the opinion that local viewers in Northern Ontario deserve their own local news service, and by that Council means a locally produced news service;

AND WHEREAS the television licences in Sudbury, Elliot Lake, Timmins, North Bay and Sault Ste. Marie will expire on August 31st, 2002;

CTV Inc. (Bell  
Globemedia")  
(Continued)

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY hereby petitions the Federal Cabinet of the Government of Canada to direct the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), and the Minister responsible, The Honourable Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian Heritage, to require all applicants for licence renewals of local television stations to make quantitative, measurable and enforceable commitments with respect to local news programs and that such commitments be advertised locally and be reported to the local community on a yearly basis during the term of the licence, at the expense of the licensee;

AND THAT The Honourable Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian Heritage, be requested to bring before Parliament, such policies, programs and legislation which will encourage broadcasters to put in place and promote local programming including a requirement for dedicated amounts of prime time devoted to local news coverage;

AND FURTHER THAT Bell Globemedia be requested to review its decision to eliminate local dinner-hour and late-night newscasts in the Cities of Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins and North Bay, in the interests of maintaining the community identity of these Cities;

AND FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Northern Ontario for endorsement; to the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian Heritage, all Northern Ontario Members of the Parliament of Canada, Mr. Jean C. Monty, Chairman of the Board, Bell Globemedia, Mr. Ivan Fecan, President, Bell Globemedia and Chief Executive Officer, CTV Inc., the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

**RECORDED VOTE:**

**YEAS**

**NAYS**

Bradley  
Courtemanche  
Craig  
Davey  
Dupuis  
Gainer  
Kilgour  
Lalonde  
McIntaggart  
Portelance  
Gordon

**CARRIED**

## **QUESTION PERIOD**

### **Financial Statements**

Councillor Davey requested a copy of the most recent annual audited financial statements of the Sudbury District Energy Corporation.

Staff was directed to provide the requested financial statements.

### **Vacant Lands**

Councillor Dupuis requested a list of city-owned vacant lands in the former Town of Valley East be prepared and offer them for sale to generate funds and promote construction.

Staff was directed to prepare a report for all of the wards in the City of Greater Sudbury.

### **Proceed Past 10:00 p.m.**

2001-577 Bradley/Dupuis: That we proceed past the hour of 10:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

### **Citizen Service Centres**

Councillor Lalonde expressed concern regarding the hours of operation of the Citizen Service Centres. He had informed callers that all services would be provided on weekends and has since learned only library services are available.

The General Manager of Citizen & Leisure Services advised the Citizen Service Centres are open Monday to Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for municipal services. Staff is in the process of recruiting part-time staff to operate the centres on weekends.

### **Garbage Leaf Collection**

Councillor Lalonde questioned the use of clear plastic bags only for leaf collection.

The General Manager of Public Works advised advertisements were placed in all area newspapers advising residents leaf collection would only be picked up if the clear plastic bags were used.

### **Telephone System**

Councillor Davey questioned if the current telephone system in Tom Davies Square could be streamlined so that callers were not repeatedly sent back to the operator.

### **Northern Medical School**

Councillor Craig congratulated Mayor Gordon on being appointed Chair of the Management Implementation Committee for the Northern Medical School.

Adjournment

2001-578 Bradley/Dupuis: That this meeting does now adjourn.  
Time: 10:10 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk